

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA**

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BORDER TRADE ON INDO BURMA BORDER
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government are aware that informal border trade continues to exist between the tribes living on the Indo - Burma (Myanmar) border of the North - East;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government have any proposal to encourage multilateral border trade by re-opening and developing Stillwell road which was constructed during the Second World War connecting Ledo of Assam of Kunming of China through Myanmar;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY)

- (a) & (b) : Border trade between India and Myanmar is well recognized and the items which are predominantly traded on the border are already notified.
- (c) to (e) : While the Government has every intention to promote Border Trade, there is no proposal for re-opening Stillwell road.